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1. Merrill, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,830,986, issued November 3, 1998.
2. Lough, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,900,481, issued May 4, 1999.
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4. Bawendi, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,251,303, issued June 26, 2001.

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